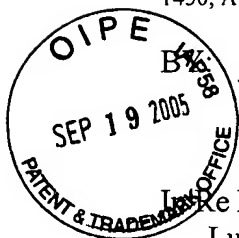


I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.



Date: 9/15/05

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Interim Patent Application of:  
Luciano A. Gonzales, *et al.*

Conf. No.:	4058	:	Group Art Unit:	1724
Appln. No.:	10/689,937	:	Examiner:	Ivars C. Cintins
Filing Date:	October 21, 2003	:	Attorney Docket No.:	054034-1US (34111-0489)
Title:	Method and Apparatus for Oil Spill Containment			

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))**

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including September 15, 2005 for responding to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2005. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

☒ A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed herewith.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (**Billing No. 054034.0001**) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

☐ Extension fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_.00

☒ Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Luciano A. Gonzales, *et al.*

Sept 15, 2005  
(Date)

By:

Colleen R. Butcher

**COLLEEN R. BUTCHER**

Registration No. 56,315

**AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP**

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street, Suite 2200

Philadelphia, PA 19103-7013

Telephone: 215-965-1200

**Direct Dial: 215-965-1372**

Facsimile: 215-965-1210

E-Mail: [cbutcher@akingump.com](mailto:cbutcher@akingump.com)

09/20/2005 DEMMANU1 00000032 10689937

01 FC:1253

1020.00 OP

CRB:cmf  
7468321